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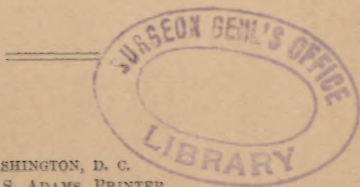
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# CONSTITUTION.

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## I. TITLE.

This Association shall be called the Sanitary League of the District of Columbia.

## II. OBJECTS.

The objects of this Association shall be the improvement of the health of the citizens of the District of Columbia, by the collection of data with regard to existing or threatened dangers to the public health of the city, the diffusion of information with regard to the best means of removing or preventing such causes of danger, and by aiding, as far as possible, the proper authorities in their efforts to improve the sanitary condition of the District, and to prevent the introduction or spread of disease.

## III. MEMBERSHIP.

The Association shall be composed of such persons as shall sign this constitution at the meeting at which it shall be adopted, as members, and of honorary members, selected with reference to their interest in the objects of the society and their willingness to aid in their promotion. New members shall be selected by the Council hereinafter

provided for, at any stated meeting, provided that they are proposed in writing by a member of the Association, and provided, also, that they receive a vote of two-thirds of the members of the Council present.

#### IV. OFFICERS.

The officers shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usually pertaining to such officers, and such other duties as the Council may impose upon them. They shall be elected annually by the Association, and shall hold office until their successors shall be elected. The officers of the League shall be the officers of the Council.

#### V. COUNCIL.

The business of the Association shall be managed by a Council composed of the officers and of twenty-one members, to be elected annually by the Association. Seven persons shall constitute a quorum of the Council. It shall be the duty of the Council to devise plans for promoting the objects of the Association and to execute them, to make necessary by-laws, to elect members of the Association, to provide for the raising of necessary funds by dues or otherwise, to authorize the disbursement of moneys, to make the Association an annual report of its operations, and to fill vacancies in its

own membership and in the offices of the Association occurring between annual meetings of the Association.

## VI. CHARTER OFFICERS.

For the first year of its existence, the President of the said Association shall be R. Ross Perry; its Vice-Presidents shall be Dr. J. S. Billings and T. W. Noyes; its Secretary shall be John Joy Edson, and its Treasurer shall be E. Francis Riggs, and the following persons in addition to said officers, shall constitute its Council for the said first year of its existence:

J. W. BABSON,	J. H. GORDON,
WM. H. BAUM,	GEO. F. HARBIN,
H. T. BRIAN,	J. HARRISON JOHNSON,
GLENN BROWN,	B. F. LEIGHTON,
CHAS. L. CONDIT,	T. F. MILLER,
JOHN F. COOK,	F. L. MOORE,
REGINALD FENDALL,	M. M. PARKER,
E. M. GALLAUDET,	ELLIS SPEAR,
C. C. GLOVER,	GEORGE TRUESDELL,
H. P. GODWIN,	B. H. WARNER.
G. BROWN GOODE,	

## VII. MEETINGS.

The time and place of the annual meeting of the Association shall be determined by the Council. Twenty-five members shall constitute a quorum at the annual meetings of the Association.

## VIII. ORDER OF BUSINESS.

The order of business at all meetings of the Association shall be fixed by the Council, and such order must be completed before any other business is introduced, unless it is suspended by a vote of four-fifths of those present.

## IX. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION.

The constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association, providing that one month's previous notice of the proposed amendment, with the name of the member proposing it, shall have been furnished to the members, and that it is approved by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

# BY-LAWS.

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## I.

Regular meetings of the Council shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, and special meetings at the call of the President.

## II.

The order of business at all meetings of the Council shall be as follows :

1. Reading of minutes.
2. Communications.
3. Reports of officers.
4. Reports of Committees.
5. Election of members.
6. Election of officers or members of Council, if vacancies exist.
7. Unfinished business.
8. New business.
9. Adjournment.

## III.

The President of the Council shall be, *ex-officio*, a member of all committees of the Council.

## IV.

The President of the Council shall appoint the following-named standing committees, each to consist of five members, viz :

A *Sanitary Committee*, whose duties it shall be to draw up sanitary rules and regulations to

be used in the work of the League, to put in shape information on sanitary subjects for dissemination, and to prepare the instructions to be carried out by the League in its work of local inspection.

A *Committee on Statistics*, to whom shall be referred for compilation all reports made and data collected by committees of the League.

A *Committee on Printing and Auditing* who shall have charge of all printing done by the League, and shall audit all bills.

A *Committee on Promotion*, whose duty it shall be to consider and report methods of promoting the objects of the League, and informing and interesting the public, and to carry out such methods when approved by the Council.

A *Committee on Co-operation* to consult with medical societies, the health officer and other local authorities, and secure their advice and co-operation in the work of the League.

## V.

### SANITARY DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

The Council shall make such a division of the District of Columbia into sub-districts as may seem to it most desirable for the purposes of the League, and the President shall appoint one member of the Council for each sub-district to serve as chairman of a local committee of inspection and instruction. Each chairman of such local committee

shall appoint, subject to the approval of the Council, as many members upon his committee as may be found necessary to thoroughly cover his sub-district, square by square, if practicable. These local committee members shall be from the sub-districts for which they shall be appointed, and shall be members of the League. The local committees shall have direction of the League's work of inspection and instruction in their respective sub-districts, shall carry out the plans prescribed by the Council and make reports of the work to the Council through their chairmen.

## VI.

The chairman of the committee on promotion shall divide his committee into two sections, one to have special charge of the promotion of the objects of the League among the white, the other among the colored residents of the city. Each section is empowered to enlarge itself by the addition, with the approval of the Council, of members of the League not members of the Council.

## VII.

The committee on co-operation is authorized to enlarge its membership by the addition, with the approval of the Council of members of the League not members of the Council.

## VIII.

Every member of the Council shall pay annually as dues the sum of \$5 to the treasurer of the League.

## IX

At meetings held under the auspices of the League, speakers who discuss sanitary matters shall be chosen by the Sanitary Committee, and no one shall be invited to speak at such meetings upon such subjects unless the invitation be first approved by the Sanitary Committee.

## X.

No publications concerning sanitary matters shall be issued or circulated in the name of the League unless with the approval of the Sanitary Committee.

## XI.

Written authority may be given by the President of the League, the chairmen of the standing committees, and chairmen of the District Sanitary Committees, to persons authorized to represent the League, or any one of said committees, and no person without such written authority shall be empowered to represent the League or any committee thereof.

## XII.

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Council, by a vote of two-thirds of those present.







